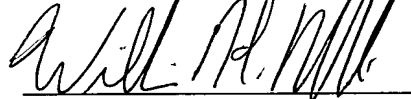


REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-55 and 80-110 without prejudice. Thus, claims 56-79 and 11-137 are now pending in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file continuation applications on the canceled claims.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



William H. Mandir
Registration No. 32,156

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: March 24, 2004